

04-09-04
30

3732 \$



PATENT
83
#6

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/081,166
Filing Date: 2-22-02
Applicant: Shon D. Steger et al.
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BONE FRACTURE
FIXATION
Attorney Docket: 5490-000127/CPC

RECEIVED
APR 16 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Director of The United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

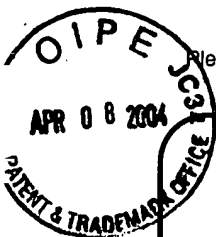
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Application Number	10/081,166
Filing Date	2-22-02
First Named Inventor	Shon D. Steger et al.
Group Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	5490-000127/CPC

RECEIVED**APR 16 2004****TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700**

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response

<input type="checkbox"/> After Final

<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request

<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request

<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement

<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application

<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing
Parts under 37 CFR
1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers
(for an Application)

<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers

<input type="checkbox"/> Petition

<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application

<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address

<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer

<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund

<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to
Group

<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of
Appeals and Interferences

<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)

<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information

<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s)
(please identify below):

Acknowledgment Postcard |
|---|--|---|

Remarks

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.****THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

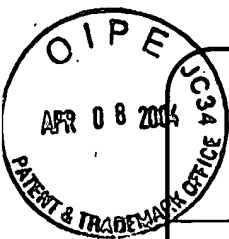
Firm or Individual name	Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.	Attorney Name Michael Malinzak	Reg. No. 43,770
Signature			
Date	April 8, 2004		

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as express mail in an envelope addressed to: Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below.

Typed or printed name	Michael Malinzak	Express Mail Label No.	EV 406 076 799 US (4/8/2004)
Signature		Date	April 8, 2004

EV 406 076 799 US



FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Patent fees are subject to annual revision:

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 86

Complete if Known

Application Number 10/081,166
Filing Date 2-22-02
First Named Inventor Shon D. Steger et al.
Examiner Name Unknown
Art Unit Unknown
Attorney Docket No. 5490-000127/CPC

RECEIVED
APR 16 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

☐ Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number 08-0750

Deposit Account Name Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments
☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
70		-71 **		0		0	
Independent Claims		4		-3 **		1	
Multiple Dependent							

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 86

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 0

SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type) Michael Malinza Registration No. Attorney/Agent 43,770 Telephone (248) 641-1600
Signature [Signature] Date April 8, 2004

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing this form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.